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## Rhymes addressed to L——e T——d——n.

By Ye Wise Fool.

Again at the Grove, O you terror of terrors!
(Don't laugh,—please excuse all my errors:
For you are the poet, not I, just remember)
Goodbye now, O Quiet and Peace, till September!

I yield, with regret and with sorrowful feeling,
To your conversation, so full of the "squealing"
Which only your species (with mouths alway bulgin'
With out-of-school tale-telling) ever indulge in.

For what with your teasing and banter, your larks,
Your poems, sarcastic and cutting remarks;
Again, with your sauciness, impudence, cool,—
Say, is 't not enough to kill more than Ye Fool?

Now, much have I suffered; a good constitution
Postponing my death, the humane resolution
I've formed, the poor, ignorant, unaware stranger
To warn of your tongue's and pen's far-reaching danger.

### TO THE STRANGER.

Should'st thou but behold, from afar be it e'en,
The form of a maiden, not tall, not quite lean,
Complexion, most pale, and her eyes, "kinder" green,
'Neath delicate brows, and o'erhanging a mien
Well pleasing to gaze on, withal, as men wean,—
Oh, flee for your safety, now, having this seen!

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For the RAY.]

## In an Old Ruined Castle.

By Tam O'Shanter.

In an old ruined "Castle"
On the side of a hill,
At an ancient piano
Sat Miss E. G. and Guil.

Outside in the moonlight
Their comrades did call;
But the two so engrossed
Replied not at all.

N. B. Words fail us: they are still at the piano.

## LOCALS.

### HAPPENINGS OF THE EARLY PART OF THE WEEK AT THE GROVE.

Our new teacher, Mr. Theobald, came up Monday evening.

We are glad to see that our new teacher is as fond of tennis as we are.

We are glad to note the return of little "Picklefritz," alias Rodney Sinclair, to his scholastic duties.

Miss Leslie Tilden returned to school at Locust Grove on Wednesday evening, nothing changed from her old self.

Fritz Catton, who has been spending the past two months at Locust Grove, returned to his home in Oakland last Tuesday. No more bull-head catching!

John Schleicen returned from his visit to Mr. Landsborough and family of Sacramento last Wednesday. Johnnie says he had a splendid time at the Capital.

The present warm spell has made the times most prosperous for the barbers; at least, so we should judge from the number of shorn heads we see dodging about the place.

Chi Kong suffered very badly from toothache last week, but finally, on Tuesday evening, he had the tooth extracted. Rodie ten Bosch parted with one of his teeth for a like reason.

Mrs. Corbaley left us last Monday, after staying at the Grove about a week. She intended to remain over night at San Rafael and the next morning to go to her home in San Francisco

Mrs. Bowman spent a few hours at the Grove on Tuesday. She visited the RAY office, but owing to the uncomfortably high temperature of the atmosphere in that establishment, her visit was only a short one.

Misses Frieda and Eva Gundlach and Mr. Carl Dresel spent Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Grove. Some exciting games of tennis were played while daylight lasted, and in the evening Miss Eva entertained the company with a number of musical gems.

Early Tuesday morning, Billy and Pinto were saddled and brought round to the front, where they were soon mounted by Miss G. Landsborough and Mr. G. Luebbert, who rode down the avenue at a merry pace bound for Rhine Farm, whither they had been invited for breakfast.

Bernardo Winter came back to school on Thursday evening last; he has been spending his vacation at Cloverdale.

The harness-room has been lately enriched by a new lady's saddle, the property of Miss Landsborough. It is an elegant hogskin affair with all the latest improvements, such as a patent safety stirrup, double cinchos and the like. A new single harness was received at the same time

In our last issue we neglected to mention the arrival of two new scholars, Librado and Juan Maldonado. They came to the Grove one week ago last Thursday from San Francisco, where they had been staying some little time, being on their way hither from their home in Mazatlan, Mexico. The boys do not speak any English, but they have already made themselves quite at home among us.

## SONOMA TALK.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clewe are now on their way homeward from Germany.

Mr. Geo. Pabst has settled up his business affairs and his store now has its old business like look.

The Petaluma and Napa turners visited Sonoma yesterday Mr. Weyl lent them his hall and refreshments were furnished by the citizens of this town.

Last Wednesday evening the members of the Sonoma Hook & Ladder No. 1 turned out for practise and succeeded in getting the ladder on top of the Union Livery Stable in little less than half an hour.

## Something more about the garden in Shellville.

We are not able to give as much about Mr. McMackin's garden as expected. This is greatly owing to lack of space and we shall just name a few of the many varieties of flowers.

In the center of the garden is a beautiful fountain encircled by pretty little verbenas of numberless colors. A number of trumpet creepers entwine themselves around the freindly fount in which showers its waters upon them.

A short distance to the left of the fountain is a small pond in which several water-lilies are in bloom, while a number of goldfish seem to be having a game of hide and seek among the roots of these magnificent lilies.

Further on in the same direction is a greenhouse in which are ferns of all descriptions, but of all these the maiden hair is the most beautiful.

Among the many different kinds of flowers in this garden, we mention the following:—

Zinnia, calliopsis, sweet pea, marigold, rose (50 varieties), everlasting; and many others which we must omit for want of space.

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We are now on the opening of a new term and are about to apply ourselves to school work again. The vacation has been a most enjoyable one, and we, who spent those two happy months at Locust Grove, thank our principal and others for the kindness which they have shown us. Those of us who went to their respective homes at the close of school undoubtedly had a happy time; we are glad to see them back again. We all should feel ready to open our books and settle down to regular school life once more.

Our thanks to our old friend and teacher, Mr. Lane, for all the energy and patience which he spent upon us (and did not waste, let us hope) can best be shown by an affectionate remembrance of him, respect for his wishes, and the hope that success may attend him in all his future undertakings.

While we are very sorry to lose Mr. Lane, we can not but take pleasure in welcoming his successor, Mr. Theobald. He has now been among us only a few days; but even that short acquaintance assures us that the coming term will pass pleasantly both in and out of school.

Three Cheers for
LOCUST GROVE!!!!!!!!!!

Ever since the Southern Pacific built their rail-road to Santa Rosa, Shellville has been slighted in every possible manner. To begin with, the above named company did not even build a depot and when at last they were persuaded to do so, it was nothing but a freight shed that was erected. Well, this was better than nothing; but a town

like Shellville needed something more than a freight shed. The fruit shippers did not wish to take their freight to a depot where there was no agent to give them way bills or to see that it was put safely on board the train. No, a freight shed was little better than nothing.

Accordingly one of Shellville's most prominent citizens wrote letter upon letter to the company stating the amount of fruit he expected would be shipped from the station which they slighted so much. The railroad company have finally begun to realize that there is something in Shellville, and have established an agency here. We hope that they will soon awaken to the fact that Shellville is the leading shipping point of Sonoma Valley and then give it the advantages of a depot such as that of Los Guilicos or El Verano, both of which places put together do not ship as much as Shellville.

We do not mean to say that the Southern Pacific Company has any spite against Shellville; we only mean that they do not understand the condition of affairs at this town. We think that if they knew, they would give Shellville all the advantages for commerce they could. In fact, they have already perceived that Shellville does enough shipping to need an agent and we feel grateful to them for what they have done in the past month.

There is now another thing which needs their attention and that is the road which leads to their depot; it is in a deplorable condition and should be attended to as soon as possible. Of course, some people will say that the road is not traveled enough to need fixing; but anyone who knows of Shellville would say to the contrary. As it now is, it is nothing but an old vineyard, tramped down by long usage. This vineyard, so to say, has a fence all around it and is entered by a clumsy gate, which is very hard to open. For the convenience of travelers and fruit shippers there should be no gate at all, but if the company desire their property fenced in, they should provide a good gate— one that could be easily and quickly opened, the contrivance at present in use having been the cause of people losing the train. The bad road is also a great inconvenience. But we have no doubt the company will fix all these things when they better understand Shellville.

## DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Our readers will doubtless be surprised to hear that the firm of ten Bosch and Mortimer dissolved partnership last Monday. The dissolution was not caused by quarreling; but the business manager complained that he did not get enough out-door exercise and therefore withdrew from the firm. This week Mr. Mortimer's name appears on the title page of the RAY as business manager of that publication. This is a mistake, as immediately after that page was published he left us Notwithstanding the loss of the business manager, even before the publication of this special issue the Ray intends to shine as brightly as ever.

# Locust Grove News.

### Latest Incidents and Accidents at the Grove.

"Pickles" is all that can be desired in a parrot.

Miss Eliza Tilden, formerly of Locust Grove, is visiting friends in Berkeley.

Messrs. Emile Stauf, Arthur Frauenholz and Heinrich Gundlach visited the Grove yesterday.

A surprise party in honor of Miss Doris Clewe's birthday was given last Friday afternoon in Sonoma.

Mr. H. J. Clayton, of San Francisco, is spending a few days in Sonoma with his daughter, Mrs. R. J. Pauli.

Little Miss Della Pauli will arrive here this evening, and is going to go to school here, returning to her home in Sonoma every week to see her mama and papa.

Sunday evening, several from Locust Grove attended the services of the Congregational Church in Sonoma and listened to a stirring sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Reed, of Berkeley.

Miss Percy Dillon, a former teacher of the Locust Grove School, is spending the week with us, and finds that the climate here compares very favorably with that of San Miguel, where she has been sojourning during the past year.

Saturday afternoon a number of sets tennis were played between the Rhine Farmites and the L. G.'s, at the former's court, after which a very pleasant evening was passed in moonlight strolls and the consumption of "vassermelonies."

Miss Eva Gundlach, who has been spending a month or two in the beautiful "Valley of the Moon," returned to her San Francisco home this morning, much to the regret of Locust Grove. Quite a delegation from the above-named place drove to Vineyard station to see her depart.

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# Shellville.

**Acts & facts about this flourishing town.**

Miss Grace Lyon, of Sonoma, was in town yesterday week.

Mr. P. H. Volmar spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the city.

Last Tuesday Miss Volmar returned from her brief visit to San Francisco.

Mrs. Stephen Akers has been confined to her bed for the past few days.

Mr. Greene, of Shellvile, is shipping lumber to Glen Ellen for Capt. Drummond.

Miss Murry, of Nacacio, is spending a few days with Miss Carrie Greene, of Shellville.

Last Saturday evening Mr. McCarthy burnt the grass off the piece of land aruond the station.

Mr. Robert Howe, accompanied by his daughter Miss Dora, went to San Francisco last Thursday to attend the wedding of his niece. Miss Nellie Gale

Mr. Akers has now in his possession a sunflower which measures 51 inches in circumference and weighs six pounds. This huge botanical specimen was raised in Shellville without irrigation.

During the past weeks Shellville has had as busy a look as any of the towns in the valley. Fruit has been shipped daily by the carload. The express and freight offices lately established have been kept busy, the total of the number of fruit boxes shipped being 3,328.

Messrs. A. and J. D. Cook, of the J. D. Cook Concentrated Corn Cure Company, visited Shellville last Sunday; but owing to their time being so occupied in buying the confidence of the "small boy of Shellville" by trying to teach him the ring puzzle, they were unable to visit the RAY office.

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The fall term of the Locust Grove School opened last Monday.

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